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Other Relevant Prior Art

The Examiner also directs the Board's attention to a previously cited reference – Eberspacher (DE 4333089 A1). Eberspacher Figure 5 is deemed to be particularly relevant to the instant claims although it has not been applied formally at this point in the prosecution.

Conclusion

In sum, the Examiner maintains that the combination of Grisley and Pontikas includes each and every limitation set forth in the claims (see findings above). For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

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